AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1.-8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Currently Amended) For a team-sharing environment, a method for persisting resource properties in an integrated development environment during transitions of data between a user and a team repository, the method comprising the steps of:

      storing, in a property file of the integrated development environment, a list of property
           keys to be persisted and their associated resource property values, the property
           file being accessible by a user for persisting resource properties during transitions
           of data. ;

      storing the property keys and values in different property files for different resources;

      storing in the property file a cache of prior resource property values;

      searching the property file for returning a list of the property keys and their associated
           resource property values;

      qualifying a property key name by appending the property key name to a contributing
           resource's name; and,

      providing an extension point as an application program interface to third party plug-ins
           for creating a property file for the third party plug-in.

15.-20. (Cancelled)